

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 711

By Yarbro

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Shirley Ann Cothran of Goodlettsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Shirley Ann Cothran, an exemplary public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 27, 1938, in Springfield, Mrs. Cothran was the daughter of Cleo and Blanche Whitler Eidson; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cothran worked as a homemaker, serving her family diligently and creating a loving home atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Shirley Cothran was a member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church; she also enjoyed feeding hummingbirds, working in her yard, and fishing, and she was known for her delicious chocolate pies; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cothran was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the love and companionship of her husband, Albert Cothran, until the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Edward William Vanderpool; her parents; sons, Robert Vanderpool and Eddie Vanderpool; grandson, E.W. Vanderpool; sister, Barbara Fay Akin; and brothers, Eddie Gene Eidson and Sherman Eidson; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her remaining children, Jimmy Vanderpool and Sue (Robert Allen) Goodman; brothers, Bill Eidson and Bobby Eidson; one grandchild, Elissa Paulson; and four great-grandchildren, Abigail, Kay Lee, Annabella, and Jon Luc; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cothran leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Shirley Ann Cothran, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Cothran.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.